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Sri P. M. MUNUSWAMY GOUNDER : Molasses என்னும் வெல்ல பாகைக்கொண்டு சாராயம் காய்ச்சுவதற்காக மைசூரிலிருந்து பல லாரிகள் மூலமாக ஆயில் பாரல்களில் **molasses**-ஐ கிருஷ்ணகிரி வழியாக மற்றயிடங்களுக்குக் கொண்டுபோகிறார்கள். இதைத் தடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : அரசாங்கம் கொண்டு வரப்போகும் மசோதாவில் '**nobody will be authorized to import or sell or export quantities of molasses without the permission of the Government**' என்று போட்டிருக்கிறது. இந்த மசோதாவைக் கொண்டுவரும்போது இப்பொழுது சொன்னதையெல்லாம் மனதில் வைத்துக்கொண்டு பரிசீலனை செய்யப்படும்.

Appointment of a Public Prosecutor for the Madurai district.

* 373 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the normal period of appointment of the Public Prosecutor of Madurai district expired ;

(*b*) whether a panel of names for fresh appointment was called for ;

(*c*) if so, when, and the names of the persons in the panel in their serial order ;

(*d*) the reasons for the delay in making the appointment ; and

(*e*) whether the delay in making the appointment has involved any extra expenditure to Government ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) The term of the Public Prosecutor, Madurai, would normally expire only on 16th March 1958. But the post fell vacant on 27th May 1956 when the Public Prosecutor, Madurai, who was appointed as Government Pleader, Ramanathapuram took charge of the new post.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) Proposals from the Collector for filling up the vacancy were received on 10th July 1956. The Government consider that it will not be in public interest to disclose the panel of names furnished by the Collector which is treated as confidential.

(*d*) The proposals of the Collector were under consideration of Government till 26th October 1956, when orders were issued appointing Sri V. Ponnuswamy to be Public Prosecutor, Madurai.

(*e*) No, Sir.

Cattle mortality in the Burgur Hills of Bhavani taluk

* 374 *Q.*—Sri B. K. NALLASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cattle that died during the last two months in the Burgur Hills of Bhavani taluk ;

(*b*) the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) the measures taken by the Government to prevent the mortality?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The number of cattle that died during the month of July 1956 is 27, 7 in the month of August, and 43 in the month of September 1956.

(*b*) The deaths were mainly due to the acute scarcity of fodder in the grazing area in the forest on account of the failure of rains.

(*c*) The District Veterinary Officer, Erode, has taken all measures to prevent any possible outbreak of contagious disease in the area.

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : I want to know whether the District Collector or the higher authorities had taken any steps to supply fodder at cheaper rates in those parts?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not have any information as to the exact steps that were taken. But I may tell the hon. Member that conditions have now improved in the forest areas and there is abundant green-fodder available in the forests on account of recent rains.

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : May I request that at least some concession for grazing and other things may be given to those unfortunate hill people who have lost their cattle?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know what concession the hon. Member would require for those who have lost cattle. Those who have lost cattle may not need grazing facilities at all. But anyhow there is now plenty of grass available and if the hon. Member would put any specific question, I shall look into it.

Opening of an X-ray section in the Headquarters Hospital, Tanjore

* 375 *Q.*—SRI M. RATHNASWAMY (on behalf of Sri M. Marimuthu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to open an X-ray section in the District Headquarters hospital, Tanjore, or in the hospital at Pattukkottai; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) There is already an X-ray department in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Tanjore. The Government Hospital, Pattukkottai, is not provided with X-ray facilities. There is no proposal at present to open an X-ray section there.

(*b*) Does not arise.

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